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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 9, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2007, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire July 7, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-411).

Respectfully submitted,

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